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SUBJECT: FIRE AT AMOCO'S RAS SHUKAIR TERMINAL

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1. AMOCO/EGYPT DUTY OFFICER TOLD US MORNING APRIL 29
THAT FIRE AT RAS SHUKAIR TERMINAL HAS NOW ALMOST BURNED
ITSELF OUT. ADDITIONAL FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT REACHED
RAS SHUKAIR AFTERNOON APRIL 28 AND WAS USED THROUGH NIGHT
TO CONTROL FIRE. AS RESULT OF FIRE, ALL OF AMOCO'S
FIELDS IN GULF OF SUEZ HAVE BEEN SHUT IN. AMOCO ESTIMATES
AT LEAST "FEW DAYS" WILL BE REQUIRED TO ASSESS DAMAGE,
MAKE NECESSARY REPAIRS, AND GET PRODUCTION STARTED AGAIN.

2. PROBABLE CAUSE OF FIRE NOW APPEARS TO BE ERROR ON
PART OF TWO EGYPTIAN EMPLOYEES MENTIONED REFTELS WHO
BROKE COMPANY RULES AND DROVE PICK UP INTO FIRE WALL
ENCLOSURE. TRUCK IGNITION MAY HAVE STARTED FIRE, BUT
THIS IS ONLY TENTATIVE JUDGMENT UNTIL COMPANY CAN GET
TO DAMAGED TANKS.

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3. EGPC CHAIRMAN RAMZI LEITY HAS BEEN ON THE SCENE
SINCE EARLY APRIL 28 DIRECTING FIREFIGHTING OPERATIONS.
HE AND AMOCO MANAGEMENT TEAM NOW SCHEDULED RETURN TO
CAIRO APRIL 30 AND WE WILL GET FULLER REPORT FROM THEM
ON CAUSES AND DAMAGE. EILTS

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